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AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Distribution of the Engravings of 1850.—The members of 1850 are informed that preparations have been made to distribute during the month of May, the large engraving of *Anne Page, Slender and Shallow*, and the first number of *The Gallery of American Art*, containing the five engravings of *The Image Breaker, The Dream of Arcadia, The New Scholar, Dover Plains*, and *The Card Players*, to those members whose certificates are numbered from No. 1 to 5,000. The particulars of future deliveries will be announced from time to time in the Bulletin.

The Return to be made to the Members of 1851.—The inducements for subscribers to the Art-Union increase every year as the Institution becomes more and more permanently established. It is curious to observe how many improvements upon the original plan have been suggested by greater experience. Not only has the organization of our operations throughout the country become greatly extended and perfected, thus securing additions to our list of members, but the economical application of our funds is being constantly improved. In all these advantages the subscribers are the direct participants.

We have never before offered so many powerful motives to membership as the programme of the present year affords. The improvements in the Bulletin render it a publication that is almost indispensable to those who desire to have in a convenient form the most recent Art intelligence, as well as much original matter upon the subject that meets the constant approbation of instucted readers. The numbers of this work are furnished gratuitously to each member from the date of his subscription. He will also be entitled to the large engraving of *Mexican News* by Jones, after Woodville, and to the second part of the Gallery of American Art, which contains five line engravings on steel, by the best artists, after the following pictures: Cropsey's *Harvesting*, Kensett's *Mount Washington*, Woodville's *Old '76, and Young '48*, Ranney's *Marion crossing the Pedee*, and Mount's *Bargaining for a Horse*. We desire to call attention again to the fact that these subjects are all American in their character, illustrating the scenery, history, or manners of the country. They are also striking and valuable as pictures, and we should have every reason to feel proud of them in whatever contrast they might be placed. This project of presenting a work which shall contain in process of time the Gems of American Art, is original with the Art Union. Its value must be apparent to every reader. It is a mode by which subscribers in the most distant parts of the country, who are deprived of the opportunity of visiting the large towns, may become well acquainted with the character and progress of our principal artists—and even those members who have the advantage of resorting to public galleries, may enjoy here the privilege of studying many pictures that from their location in private collections must be inaccessible to them. The first part of this work was given to the members of 1850, and is now ready for distribution. Besides the inducements just enumerated, there remains a share in the allotment of works of art purchased by the Association, and which, judging from the two hundred already obtained, will be the most attractive collection ever offered by the Art-Union.

The importance of early subscriptions need not be enlarged upon at present. The opportunity it affords of securing complete sets of the Bulletin, and better impressions of the engravings seems to be recognized in all quarters. The Association at no period of its history has had so long a roll of members at this early season, as that which accompanies the present number of our journal.

The Opening of the Gallery.—It was announced in our last, that the Gallery would probably be opened on the 20th ultimo. It was found difficult to arrange it for so early a day, and the Exhibition therefore has been postponed to the first of the present month.

Among the collection are thirty-two pictures that were painted by some of the academicians and associates, and purchased by the American Art Union, for the purpose of relieving the National Academy from debt. There are several copies also in the Gallery of celebrated paintings of the Italian school which have been lent to the committee by Christopher Wolfe, Esq., of this city.

A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ART-UNION FOR THE YEAR 1851.

(Note.—The whole number of members whose names have been registered prior to the 30th day of April, 1851, is 1671. The total number at the corresponding period last year was 650. The publication of the remaining names, with such others as may be received, will be continued in the succeeding numbers of the Bulletin.)

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